

into a National Highway during the 7th Five year Plan.

Saving Schemes Through post Offices

7074. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some saving schemes have been launched during July and August, 1991 through post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof with dates of launching;

(c) whether any age limit has been fixed for joining these schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the formalities required to be complied with by the investors to join these schemes;

(f) whether the Government propose to launch any new attractive savings schemes;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALIBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

(f) to (h) At present there is no proposal to launch new Small Savings Schemes.

[Translation]

Income Tax Collection from Persons Having Taxable Income Tax upto Thirty Thousand Rupees

7075. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who paid

income tax on taxable income upto thirty thousand rupees during 1988-89 and 1989-90 State-wise;

(b) the total amount of income tax thus realised; and

(c) the proportionate amount spent by the Government on assessment and collection of tax from these income tax payees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWARTHAKUR): (a) to (c). The Central Board of Direct taxes does not compile separate data in regard to the number of taxpayers who paid income tax on taxable income upto thirty thousand rupees, the amount of income tax realised from them and the proportionate amount spent on assessment and collection of tax from them. Considerable time and effort will be involved in collecting the desired information from assessing officers spread all over India which will not be commensurate with the results sought to be achieved.

Trade Fairs

7076. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to organise trade fairs in various countries to encourage exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b). yes, Sir. During 1991-92, TFAI is organising participation in 38 trade fairs abroad. These include 21 general international trade fairs, 15 specialised commodity fairs and 2 exclusive India Exhibitions. Out of these 38 events, 10 are in West Europe, 6 in East Europe, 2 in Latin America, 3 in North America, 5 in West Asia, 6 in Asia and 6 in Africa.

[English]

Appointment of Insurance Ombudsman

7077. SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to appoint an Insurance Ombudsman to adjudicate on personal Insurance disputes in the General Insurance Corporation and the Life Insurance Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Ombudsman is likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

C.B.I. Raids on Premises of Bank Employees

7078. SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the branches of the Banks where CBI raids were conducted during July-August, 1991;

(b) the number of officers and employees of banks whose premises were raided and the amount seized from them; and

(c) the action taken against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). CBI has informed that during the months of July and August 1991, searches were conducted in the residential/offices premises of 26 officers and employees working in the following branches of the banks:

1. State Bank of India, Paharganj, New Delhi.

2. State Bank of India, Deesa Branch, Banaskantha, Gujarat.
3. State Bank of India, Kadamkuan branch Patna.
4. State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, Sudulpur, Churu, Rajasthan.
5. Central Bank of India, M.G. Road branch Ernakulam.
6. Central Bank of India, Malleswaram branch, Bangalore,
7. Bank of Maharashtra, Deonar branch, Bombay.
8. Bank of India, Rambagh, Indore.
9. Dena Bank, Azad Market Road, Bhopal.
10. Punjab National bank, Regional Office, Jabalpur.
11. Punjab National Bank, Dhanas, Chandigarh.
12. Punjab & Sind bank, Gurbux Colony, Patiala.
13. Kshetriya Gramin Bank, Mananpur, Munger.
14. Mithila Kshetriya Gramin Bank, Darbhanga.

During course of the searches, Rs. 24,000/- was seized in only one case; but a number of incriminating documents were seized in other cases.

(c) Regular cases have been registered against the above-mentioned 26 officials on the allegations of cheating, possession of